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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO US OF GOSL MINISTER OF LABOR

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1. IRVING BROWN HAS NOT CONTACTED EMBASSY CONCERNING TRAVELS OF GOSL MINISTER OF LABOR, GEORGE GOBIO-LAMIN. LAMIN HAS BEEN OUT OF FREETOWN SINCE CHRISTMAS AND EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM TRAVEL PLANS.

2. SLLC GENERAL SECRETARY, GEORGE PALMER, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 31 CONCERNED ABOUT RUMORS THAT LAMIN MIGHT TRAVEL TO THE US UNDER AUSPICES OF AFL-CIO. PALMER THINKS AFL-CIO FUNDING OF GOVERNMENT MINISTER IS BAD PRECEDENT GENERALLY, SPECIFICALLY SO IN THE CASE OF GOSL. HE BELIEVES NOTHING WRONG WITH LAMIN TRAVELING AT INVITATION OF USG. THAT INVITATION IS STILL OUTSTANDING, BUT HAS NOT BEEN ACTED UPON BY LAMIN.

3. COMMENT: LAMIN HAS REPUTATION LOCALLY FOR HEAVY
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DRINKING AND HAVING LOOSE TONGUE. US OFFICIALS IN

CONTACT WITH HIM SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT LIKELIHOOD
OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVING LAMIN REMAINING CONFIDENTIAL
IS SLIM. PALMER INDICATED LAMIN HAS SHOWN HIGH
INTEREST IN RELATIONS BETWEEN SLLC AND WESTERN WORKERS
UNIONS. LAMIN IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO HIS POSITION
AS CABINET MEMBER AND APPRECIATES BEING ADDRESSED
AND TREATED AS "MR. MINISTER."
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